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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: N.E. Morrow et al. Attorney Docket No: KMOR116839  
Application No: 09/761,340 Group Art Unit: 3728  
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Title: STEP-IN SNOWBOARD BINDING AND BOOT THEREFOR

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER SECTION 1.116

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on October 10, 2002, in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 68, 97, and 99-102 as shown below.

68. (Four Times Amended) A boot according to Claim 65, wherein said portion comprises first and second locations to which the medial and lateral side cable members attach, wherein said locations are substantially adjacent each other.

97. (Amended) A boot, comprising:

a forward lean system having a single general area on the boot, wherein the area is attached to forward portions of medial and lateral cable portions coming from respective rear upper opposite sides of the boot, said single general area located at a lower front location on the boot.

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